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Five years ago the Robbins Report launched the most massive expansion of higher education ever seen in Britain. The aim was to create a new deal for the nation's talented young.

Yet today the chances of a sixth-former getting a place at a British university are, if anything, slightly less than they were before the Report, and it is in the fields of teacher-training and further education that the most significant expansions have taken place. Future trends point the same way.

Did Robbins succeed? Here, the leaders of the team that did the research for that famous report, Professor Claus Moser and Richard Layard, and their colleague at the London School of Economics, John King, look back over the past five years and explain what happened to the ambitious blueprint for creating a broader system of higher education in Britain.

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